



Wachusett and Sudbury Reservoir Fishing Regulations

The Wachusett Reservoir together with the Quabbin Reservoir provides the water supply for over forty cities and towns within the Commonwealth. The Sudbury Reservoir is the system's reserve, or backup supply. The land surrounding the reservoirs is managed by the DCR Division of Watershed Management in order to protect the quality of the reservoir water, enhance the ecological integrity and ensure the future protection of these valuable natural resources from pollution, encroachment and environmentally damaging public use.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON WATERSHED LANDS:

- ANY bodily contact with the water
- Disposing of human waste, trash or litter
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Motorized vehicles
 - Swimming or bathing
- Boating (except as designated below)
 - Smoking or building fires
 - Animals/pets

The DCR permits **SHORE FISHING ONLY** at the Wachusett and Sudbury Reservoirs from dawn to dusk daily. The fishing season at Wachusett Reservoir opens the **FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL**, providing no ice is present, and extends through November 30th. Possession of a valid Massachusetts fishing license is required by individuals 15 years of age or older. The DCR and its employees are not responsible for any damage to or loss of life which may be incurred in connection with the public use of the reservoirs.

WACHUSETT RESERVOIR fishing access is allowed through the following areas:

Route 70 - Gates 6 to 16
Route 140 - Gates 17 to 24
Route 12/110 - Gates 25 to 35
West Boylston - Thomas Basin

NO FISHING IS ALLOWED FROM ANY OTHER AREAS!

Shore fishing at the Sudbury Reservoir is permitted everywhere except that portion of the reservoir closest to the dam. Prohibited area extends from Route 30 Causeway around past the dam to Clemmons Street.

Fishing at the **WEST WAUSHACUM** (the Quag), **MIDDLE WAUSHACUM** and Muddy Pond in Sterling extends from the first Saturday in April through November 30th. **ICE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED.** Boats up to 14 feet in length, canoes, and kayaks are permitted at the Waushacum Ponds. From September 15th to May 15th, all users must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device. Electric outboards, but no others, may be used.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS (911)

STATE POLICE - HOLDEN (508) 829-8410

DCR Watershed Rangers (978) 365-3800

CAUTION!

These watershed lands are managed for forest and wildlife improvements. Certain areas may occasionally be posted when forestry personnel and equipment are operating in the forest. Please be careful and avoid these areas.